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SUBJ: POSSIBLE ADMISSION OF 3,000 INDOCHINESE TO FRG

1. UNHCR CALLED MISSION ATTENTION TO ARTICLE OF 9 OCTOBER 1975 IN "GENERAL-ANZEIGER, BONN" WHICH CARRIED THE FOLLOWING REPORT FROM STUTTGARD:

QUOTE: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECLARED ITS READINESS TO ACCEPT 3,000 REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA WHO ARE PRESENTLY IN TRANSIT CENTRES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ON GUAM. THIS NEWS WAS COMMUNICATED TO JOURNALISTS IN STUTTGART ON 8 OCTOBER BY THE MINISTERPRASIDENT OF THE LAND BADEN-WURTTEMBERG, MR. FILBINGER. ACCORDING TO MR. FILBINGER, THE UNITED STATES HAD URGED THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC TO ACCEPT THESE REFUGEES. END QUOTE.

2. UNHCR REP IN BONN INQUIRED AT THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OF BADEN-WURTTEMBERG AND RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

QUOTE: A) UPON REQUEST OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR SUBMITTED TO THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTRIES OF THE INTERIOR OF THE GERMAN LANDER THE APPEAL OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT INDOCHINESE WHO HAD FOUND AD-MISSION TO US TERRITORY. THE CONFERENCE AGREED TO ACCEPT A MAXIMUM OF 3,000 INDOCHINESE IN THE FRG. DETAILS CONCERNING THE AD-

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MISSION OF THESE PERSONS HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE FEDERAL

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. IT IS THEREFORE NOT YET KNOWN AT THIS STAGE WHAT CRITERIA WILL BE APPLIED AND WHETHER CERTAIN QUOTAS WILL BE FIXED FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE VARIOUS GERMAN LANDER.

B) AS FAR AS THE GOVERNMENT OF LAND BADEN-WURTTENBERG IS CONCERNED, PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY TO CHANGE THE PRESENT INSTRUCTION WHICH IS VERY RESTRICTIVE AND ALLOWS ADMISSION ONLY FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE CLOSE FAMILY TIES IN GERMANY AND WOULD NOT DEPEND ON PUBLIC WELFARE ASSISTANCE. THE LAND BADEN-WURTTENBERG IS READY TO CHANGE THIS INSTRUCTION TO JOIN IN THE NEW FEDERAL OPERATION CONCERNING THE ADMISSION OF SUCH PERSONS. ALTHOUGH THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE OPERATION IS TO EASE THE BURDEN OF THE US GOVERNMENT, ADMISSION SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO PERSONS WHO ARE PRESENTLY ON US TERRITORY. OTHER PERSONS COULD ALSO APPLY WHO HAVE ALREADY RELATIVES IN THE FRG. END QUOTE.

3. THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR IN BONN DECLARED THAT IT WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THE OPERATION TO UHHCR.

4. AS THIS IS FIRST INDICATION OF LARGE SCALE FRG ACCEPTANCE OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE VERIFICATION AND, IF TRUE, INFORMATION ON FOLLOW-UP WITH FRG.ABRAMS

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